



First Mennonite Church
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FMC Safe Worship Guidelines

Continue to offer online Zoom service

Continue offering online worship options for those who are sick, higher risk, have been exposed to a coronavirus (COVID-19) patient within the last 14 days, have interacted extensively with other people, or are otherwise uncomfortable gathering in person.

Masks required

Wear face masks while at church.
Offer masks for visitors.

COVID-19 Info

Post signs regarding social distancing, safety measures and handwashing.

- * Entry (Appendix A on page 4)
- * Restroom (Appendix B on page 5)
- * Sanitizer & Mask Station (Appendix C on page 6)
- * Sanctuary Seating (Appendix D on page 7)

Communicate the plan and make it available to members and non-members alike (post signs inside/outside building, website, email, etc).

Entrance Form & Signature

Worshippers will sign in for each service.

6' between family units

Maintain 6' distance in sanctuary space with one family unit per pew; keep empty pews between families.

Maintain 6' distance between groups in the Fellowship Hall. (Close Fellowship hall for the first few weeks after opening)

Seating for church

Usher individuals or family units to seating in the sanctuary from front to back.

Dismissal from church by rows from back to front. Request everyone to go directly outside.

It is essential for the safety of those attending services that their arrival and departure be managed in such a way as to prevent interaction between parties. Dismiss and pace the departure of those present at the conclusion of the service so as to prevent the interaction between parties as distances less than six feet.

Children present at services should remain with their parents or guardians and refrain from congregating or interacting with children of other parties on the premises. For example, nursery services are not permitted.

No Hymnals

No use of printed or hand-held materials such as bulletins or hymnals.

Provide hand sanitizer & masks

Provide hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes prior to entering the church and throughout the building. Maintain a good stock of tissue, soap, hand sanitizer and disposable paper towels for drying hands.

Doors

Prop open the main doors to enter/exit without touching handles. – 10 minutes before the service
Prop open Sanctuary doors to enter/exit without touching handles.

Offering not passed, placed in office plate/box at door of sanctuary.

Singing as a group is not allowed

Singing is among the riskier behaviors when it comes to spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air. A cloth mask is unlikely to be enough to protect you or your neighbor.

Close off rest of church

No use of Sunday School rooms, kitchen, etc.

Cleaning requirements

Follow established frequency and processes for cleaning and disinfecting, paying extra attention to high-touch surfaces.

Use special cleaners for the piano.

Ensure cleaning supplies and disinfectant have been ordered and are on hand.

Place microphones in stand OR have ushers or other adults hold microphones with gloves

Do not share equipment used for worship services such as microphones, etc.

No potluck / No coffee or other food/beverage services

No in-person Sunday School

No handshakes, hugs, or other physical contact while inside the building – use sign language

Restrooms minimally used

The restrooms will be available, but if at all possible, please try to avoid using them. Parents of small children should accompany them.

Provide soap/sanitizer before and after restroom use.

No Nursery

The cry room at the back of the sanctuary will be available for toddler and infants' needs, such as diaper changing, etc. The nursery will not be available at this time.

No Communion

No tables/chairs in the fellowship hall

Tables and chairs will be taken down and stored elsewhere

Building closed to outside use

No weddings or meetings

Members services should be individually addressed.

Church office should not open to visitors from the public.

Place a sign and give a phone number to call.

Revisit these guidelines every 3 weeks

Watch for changes in the Lancaster County Covid-19 Risk Dial. If the dial goes up (low>Moderate>High>Severe), these guidelines should be revisited.

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/covid19/>

Attention Visitors

Welcome to First Mennonite Church

We're glad you came to worship with us. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, please abide by the following:

If you feel sick or live with someone who is sick, please continue to worship with us from home over Zoom.

Masks are required to be worn at all times.

Please sign in when you get inside.

Please sit with your immediate family members in the sanctuary, and leave 6 feet between family groups.

Please make use of the Hand sanitizer and Masks available.

No handshakes, hugs, or other physical contact while inside the building – use our new sign language.

Children should remain with their parents or guardians and refrain from congregating or interacting with children of other parties in the church.

The nursery will not be available at this time. The cry room at the back of the sanctuary will be available for toddler and infants' needs, such as diaper changing, etc.

**Temporarily
CLOSED**
to help
**STOP THE
SPREAD**
OF COVID-19

The restrooms are available,
but if at all possible, please try
to avoid using them.

Parents of small children should
always accompany them.

Please use the provided soap or
sanitizer before and after
restroom use.

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Please sit with your immediate family members in the sanctuary, and leave 6 feet between family groups. Closed rows will be marked off.

Please fill the sanctuary, row by row, front to back



Please dismiss from the sanctuary, row by row, back to front

